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In re Patent Application of

PICCONE, L.

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For: APPARATUS DESIGNED TO MODULATE THE NEUROVEGETATIVE SYSTEM AND INTEGRATE ITS ACTION WITH THAT OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM; APPLICATIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF THE VASCULAR SYSTEM AND ORTHOPAEDIC DISORDERS

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March 13, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs showing current revisions is attached.

Page 1, before the first line, please insert as a separate paragraph:

This application is the US national phase of international application PCT/EP01/08756 filed 27 July 2001, which designated the US.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the voltage of the pulses applied is controlled by the patient/user by suitable means.

4. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that it includes a pair of electrodes designed to transmit the said pulses, one of which can be applied to the motor point and the other to the muscle belly in the area to be treated.

5. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the said means designed to transmit the said pulses include devices able to vary the voltage, amplitude and frequency of the said pulses.

6. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that it includes means designed to regulate the amplitude and frequency of the pulses, which said means are activated directly by the patient.

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18. (New) A method according to claim 17 wherein the patient is affected by diabetic food.

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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

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